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SUBJECT: SUDAN-ETHIOPIA SITUATION

REF: KHARTOUM 0040 (NOTAL)

1. FONMIN MAKKAWI PROVIDED CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING ON
ETHIOPIAN SITUATION IN CLOSED SESSION PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY
JAN 5. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE CARRIED NO REPORT ON HIS STATEMENT.
RATHER, PRESS JAN 6 GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO STATEMENT
BY PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY ISSUED FOLLOWING MEETING WITH FONMIN.

2. ASSEMBLY STATEMENT SUPPORTS PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, GOS, AND
SECURITY FORCES IN THEIR DEFENSE OF HOMELAND, AND CONDEMNS
"ETHIOPIAN CONSPIRACY" AGAINST SUDAN MANIFESTED IN "SETTING
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FREE HANDS OF SUDAN'S ENEMIES INSIDE ETHIOPIA". ASSEMBLY
CALLS ON EPMG TO LIQUIDATE SITES OF CONSPIRACIES
ESTABLISHED INSIDE ITS TERRITORY, STRESSES DETERMINATION
DEFEND SUDANESE INTEGRITY, AND CALLS ON "MASSES" TO
UNCOVER ALL ATTEMPTS OF TREASON. HOWEVER, ASSEMBLY ALSO
AFFIRMS SUDAN'S ADHERENCE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AND
OBSERVANCE UN AND OAU CHARTERS WHICH REQUIRE RESPECT FOR

NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

3. WHILE PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY HEARD FONMIN, CHAD PRESIDENT MALLOUM TRANSITED KHARTOUM ON WAY TO CAIRO. HE MET WITH NIMEIRI AND THREE OTHER MOST SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS FOR TWO HOURS AT AIRPORT. NIMEIRI ALSO MET SEPARATELY WITH AHMED BEN SOUDAH, DESCRIBED AS DIRECTOR MOROCCAN ROYAL DIWAN.

4. COMMENT. WE ASSUME DECISION HAVE MAKKAWI BRIEF ASSEMBLY PRIVATELY ON MATTER, RATHER THAN, AS ORIGINALLY FORECAST, TO HAVE EITHER NIMEIRI OR FONMIN ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENT, REPRESENTS CONSIDERED GOS EFFORT DE-ESCALATE RANK AND RHETORIC INVOLVED IN RECENT ANTI-EPMG ACCUSATIONS HERE. AVOIDANCE PUBLICITY CONCEIVABLY INFLUENCED BY EPMG MOFA STATEMENT REPORTED ADDIS 0060. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT NIMEIRI USED HIS MEETINGS WITH BOTH MALLOUM AND BEN KOUDAH TO BRIEF THEM ON HIS CONCERNS RE ANTI-GOS ACTIVITY INSIDE ETHIOPIA AND STRESS NEED FOR AFRICAN SOLIDARITY VIS-A-VIS CONTINUING LARG MACHINATIONS.
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